SAN MATEO AVENUE CONCEPTUAL STREETSCAPE PLAN

Item 6b. Adoption of San Mateo Avenue Conceptual Streetscape Plan

City Council

October 22, 2019

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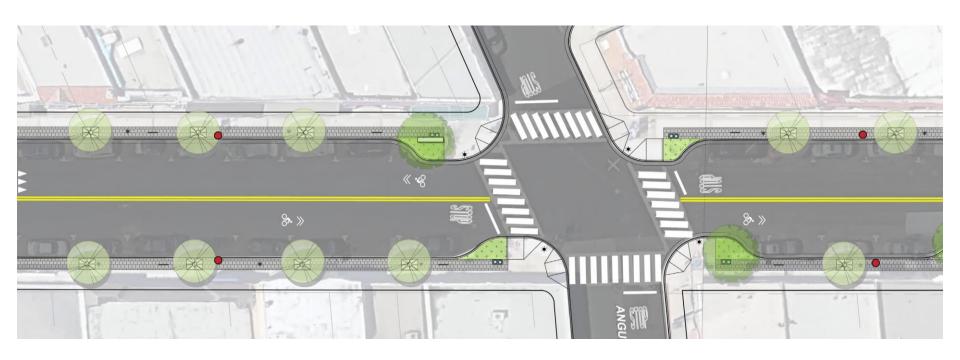
Community and Economic Development Director

Agenda

- I. Objective
- II. Plan Preparation
- III. Community and City Engagement Meetings
- IV. City Council September Study Session
- V. Tonight's Action
- VI. Questions

Objective

 Adopt resolution to adopt San Mateo Avenue Conceptual Streetscape Plan



Summary of City Council Study Session

September 24, 2019

City Council was in support of the conceptual design and favored the "simple and elegant" design theme

Final Revisions to the Plan:

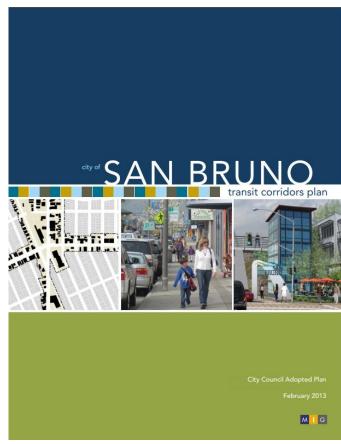
- Text added to study a potential vehicle loading and passenger drop off zone near Posy Park to serve the Downtown and the Caltrain Station
- Text added to ensure all custom lighting elements are designed and engineered to withstand wind loads.
 Additional study required before implementation

Plan Preparation

Background



"Downtown...
the symbolic heart of the city."



"short-term plan implementation action item"

Background General Plan

The General Plan envisions to promote San Mateo Avenue as the symbolic heart of the city through implementation policies to improve the visibility and appearance of the downtown, expand the streetscape amenities, beautify the street, place clearly marked crosswalks and upgrade the appearance of the downtown with combined efforts of the City, merchants and property owners





Purpose of a Downtown Streetscape Plan

- Clear and unified vision for the streetscape to create a sense of place and Downtown identity
- Improve the street's visual character, sustainability, and safety for a positive experience
- Spurs economic revitalization
- Foundation for future funding decisions
- Requirements for private property owners with development projects



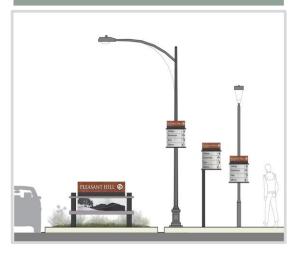


Key Characteristics of a Streetscape Plan

Consistent Streetscape



Improved Signage



Cohesive Identity



Safer Sidewalks



Project Workflow

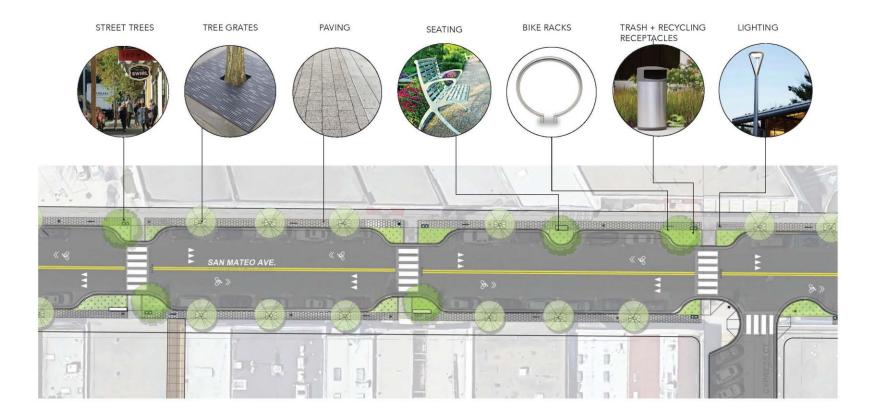
Task 1: Analysis and Preliminary Feasibility Study



Task 2: Community & City Engagement



Task 3: Streetscape Plan preparation



Community and City Engagement Meetings

Community and City Engagement February to May 2019

- Community Engagement Sessions
 - Walking workshop
 - Drop-in Pop-up Event
 - Community Meeting
 - Stakeholder Meetings (2)
- Online Survey
- City Commission and Committees
 - Culture & Arts Commission
 - Parks & Recreation Commission
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory
 Committee
 - Planning Commission (2)



Community Engagement Workshops





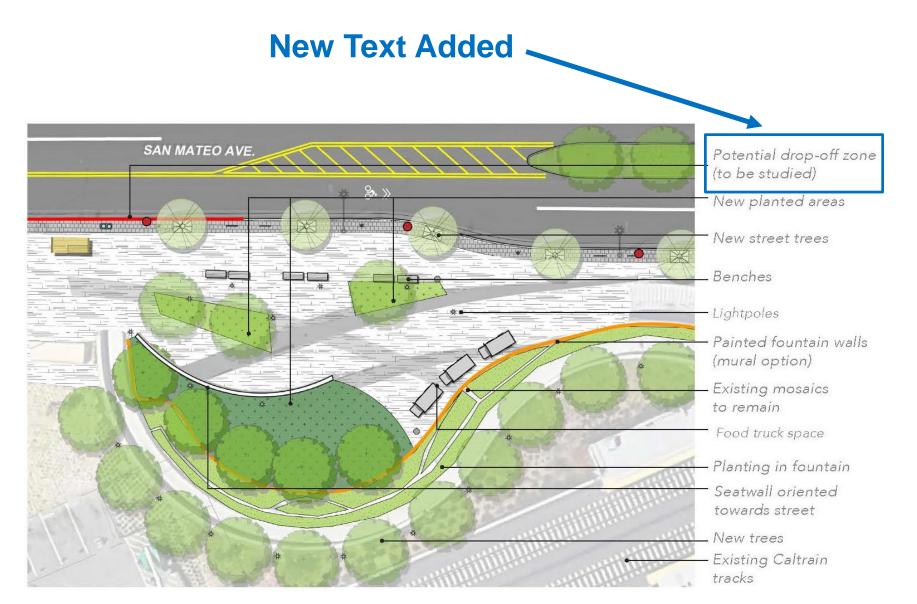






City Council September Study Session

Loading Zone near Posy Park



Hanging Light Design

New Text Added:

All custom lighting elements should be designed and engineered to withstand wind loads. Further study would be required to determine the suitability of cable-suspended lighting fixtures, for example





Streetscape Plan Outcome

The result of the community engagement process set a vision for the design of the San Mateo Avenue which is simple and elegant, has activated paseos and more public spaces, better street trees, unified street features, enhanced pedestrian safety, better and more way finding signage and a unique identity



Consultant Team

- WRT Wallace, Roberts and Todd
- CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group, Inc
- Parisi Transportation Consultants



Tonight's Action – Request to City Council

Staff Recommendation:

 Adopt a resolution adopting the San Mateo Avenue Conceptual Streetscape Plan







QUESTIONS?